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SUBJECT: Suggested Verification Initiative

Steve: -

The delay in responding to your suggestion is due not to neglect on our part, but rather to the close scrutiny it has received by the DCI, DDCI, and others. It is the most provocative idea that has surfaced in response to the DCI's memo on creative problem solving.

The bad news is that its success seems to hinge on so many unknowns that the potential risks--budgetary and bureaucratic/political--tend to overshadow the potential benefits. In brief, we're reluctant to charge ahead at this time.

Thanks again for a most stimulating proposal. The DCI noted in his response to me that your concept was just the kind of creative thinking that this Agency should encourage Cood to

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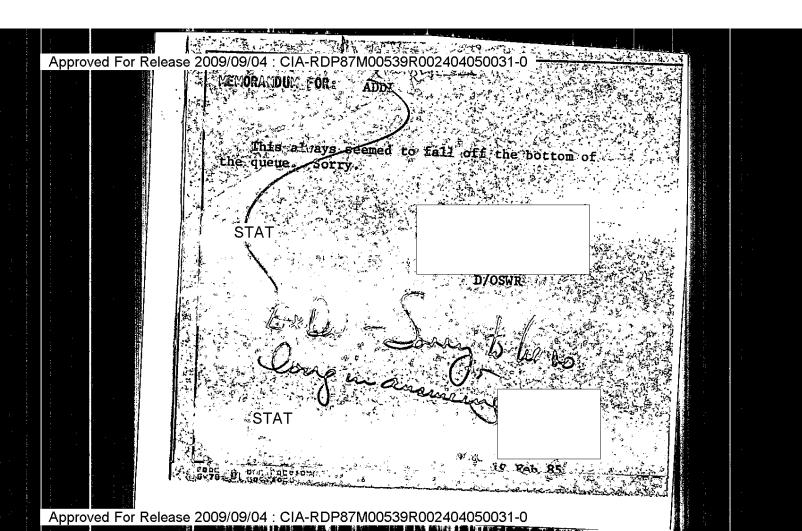
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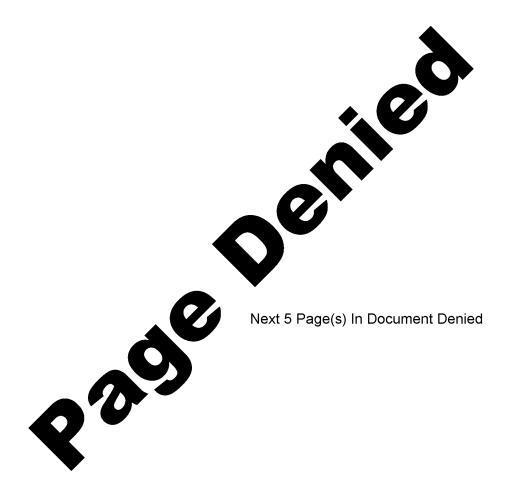
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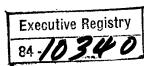
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Steve:

Unfortunately your suggestion is too thoughtful and provocative to be just dismissed and/or decided by the Director after a five-minute conversation! I am going to ask a couple of other people for their thoughts on your ideas and will be back in touch.

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